

Michigan Ave.

Merry Christmas!

Sum-it-up

Vol. 1#1

Wed. December 18, 1974

104 copy

DANCE POSTPONED

There will be no Christmas dance, as by now you may realize. Mrs. Howard told Marcia Gentry that the dance will be postponed until we come back from Christmas vacation. There will probably be a New Year's dance. In student council, Michelle Crane reported that Mr. Brill had said that the 6th grade will be invited to most of the dances. Also Michelle told the council that Mr. Brill had said that to make up for not having a Christmas dance, he will try to get us four or five dances before spring vacation.

by m.g.

WHY NO PAY PHONE

Mr. Brill, in an interview with Eddie Burnett, said that there will not be a pay phone this year because of the mis-use of the phone last year. Some of the problems were obscene calls made and people pulling phones out of the wall. Also, students would use the phone to call home when they wanted to go to someone else's house after school. Mr. Brill said that students may use the office phone but only for emergencies.

Whether the weather?

Weather man says 50% chance of a white Christmas and 50% chance of it snowing on Christmas!

GO REDSKINS! For sports details see page four

LISA LALLINGER WINS CONTEST

Lisa Lallinger has won the contest for the best yearbook cover design. The entries were taken to the student council members. They were told to mark a 1-10 rating on the drawings on the basis of those drawings they liked best, with 10 as the best liked and 1 as the least liked. For her prize, Lisa receives a free yearbook.

by a.a.

POSSIBILITY OF AN EXTRA BUS

The middle school will have an extra bus going to Black River school at 3:20, according to Mr. Labadie in an interview with Tim Burnett. The crowds on the bus have been large but that may soon be ended. We of the newspaper staff have talked with Mr. Brill and Mr. Labadie and we would like to express our thanks for their help with this problem.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The name Michigan Avenue Sum-it-up was selected from over twenty suggestions. Beth Stackhouse of Mrs. Cusomano's class suggested the name chosen.

Students!

This is the first paper and there is something wrong with it. What?

Well, there is not enough student work going into it. Yes, we need more people working on the newspaper staff, and more people giving us ideas. If you feel that something is wrong with the paper or school, feel free to write it down and give it to Ms. Ruggles; Room 207. If you think you have a good piece of writing, give that also to Ms. Ruggles. What I'm saying is that we need your support both in effort and by buying the paper if you want this paper to continue through the year.

Steve LaRue

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Note: Letters to the editor should be put in an envelope and dropped off in room 207, Ms. Ruggles' room. The staff reserves the right to edit or omit letters if they are not in a respectable form.

"I think girls should have a little more rights. Girls are often pushed around in this school. I think it's about time we get a little more activities. Everytime we want some new things, we always get turned down. But how about a girls powder puff game? You guys have to give us at least a chance. After all it's not an all boys school. If some of these programs get started we will be well prepared for our further participation in sports later in the years to come."

By Irma Romo

LAUGHTER ETC ...

Amy: My dog can do arithmetic.

Sue: Aw, How do you know?

Amy: Why, I asked him what 20-20 was and he said nothing.

Don't miss tomorrow's game -
8th gr against Comstock - there
7th gr. vs Comstock - HERE! -2-

Be There!

MICHIGAN AVENUE SUM-IT-UP Volume 1#

Co-Editors- Steve LaRue,
Mark Hoger
News Editor- Marcia Gentry
Sports Editor- Jill Kowalski
Music Editor- Kevin Futrell
Feature Editor- Judy Nondorf
Ass't Feature Editor- Irma-
Romo
Production Editor- Stan Koziel
Reporters- Andrea Burchard,
Eddy Burnett, Tim Burnett,
Steve Makowski, April Abnet,
Carol Lhamon, Carl Lamb, Bob
Klimach, Ron Gipson, Brenda
Gipson, Mark Buckingham,
Natalie Phillip, David
Rivette, and Joyce Schall-
horn.

MORE ...

Little Boy: Dad, I want to
get married.

Dad: To whom?

Little Boy: To Grandma.

Dad: Whoa-You don't think I'm
going to let you marry my mo-
ther, do you?

Little Boy: Why not? You
married Mine!

Hinky-Pinky

Note: A hinky-pinky is a pair of rhyming definitions. For example, the hinky-pinky for a skinny young horse is a bony pony or Alaska is a great state.

Finish the following:

1. a seafood platter is a fish _____
2. a chubby puss is a fat _____
3. a tiny insect is a wee _____
4. lucky numbers are seven _____
5. a great baseball team is a fine _____
6. a happy dog is a jolly _____
7. colored lemonade is a pink _____
8. an angry employer is a cross _____

Answers:

1. fish 2. cat 3. flea 4. eleven
5. nine 6. doll 7. drink 8. dog

POETS' CORNER

The Deer

Stop, see them running
Jumping through the wind
Stop, listen to them.

Mark Hoger

Haiku

The sun is rising.
The shadow of the earth is gone.
Day breaks through the clouds.

Joyce Schallhorn

Limerick

Once on a Christmas morn
A man woke up with a scorn
But after some presents
And a dinner of pheasants
The scorn from his face was torn.

Robin Lantz

A Clown

When once I was walking downtown
I happened to notice a clown,
Nothing was weird
Except for his beard
And, he was walking upside-down.

Natalie Phillips

Interview with Mr. Pefley

Tim Burnett, in an interview, asked Mr. Pefley, "What do you think about the way the school is set up this year as opposed to the shifts of last year?"

Mr. Pefley replied, "I think it's much better than last year. The students have more time to talk and to play. I think it's also good that we have a lunch break and can eat at school. The new gym floor is nice. I really like the new school books. The students seem to get a lot out of them.

Classified Ads

Note: We will offer this service as long as space permits. Ads may be inserted anywhere throughout the paper. If you have suggestions, bring them to Ms. Ruggles' room, 207.

FREE KITTENS

One cream-colored male, one calico female, and one brown male kitten. See or contact Steve Makowski if interested.



Have A Merry Christmas
& a Great New Year!

from the staff of
the M.A. Summit-WD

BOYS' BASKETBALL NEWS

The 8th grade A and B teams played at North Christian School in Kalamazoo on Dec. 12. The B team came through with flying colors defeating N.C. 27-21. The A team played a very exciting game and were defeated by a margin of 43-36.

The 7th grade teams also played on December 12th at 4:00 in the Middle School gym against North Christian. The A team beat the N.C. team 32-20 in a very close game. The B team did not do as well. Though they put up a good fight, they lost to N.C. 27-23. Both of the games were close.

ROVING REPORTERS- on the prowl for news

Bobby Klimach, April Abnet, Ron Gipson and Mark Buckingham asked various students the following question, "What can be done, do you think, to make the cafeteria quieter?" Here are some of the suggestions they got.

David Krause: "Send the noise-makers outside."

Kevin Futrell: "Assign a certain kid to head a certain table and make the others be quiet."

Tracey Whittle: "Put a radio in the lunch room."

Rim Burnett: "Have the kids bring their coats and go outside after eating."

Marcia Gentry: "One team should be made to go outside for one week while the other team may stay inside. Then the next week the team that stayed in previously should be made to go out. They would trade weeks."

Mr. Topp: "Have card games checkers and chess."

Julie Oas: "Let kids whom you can trust go to their lockers."

Mrs. Pfister: "Go out as soon as you're done eating or play inside games."

THE GIRLS ON THE COURTS

The girls' intramural basketball program started to practice Dec. 11 from 7-9 p.m. at Black River School for the 7th grade and Dec. 13 from 7-9 for the 8th grade. Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Baker are the coaches. For all girls still interested but who have not yet turned their slips in, the community education office is still accepting them. Girls who have basketballs are encouraged to bring them.

by jk

Roving reporter... (continued from 1st column)

Dee Perry: "We need more chairs to a table."

Sandy Dow: "Redecorate the lunch room." (but Sandy, it just was!)

Chris Weeks and Melanie Osment both: "Close the shades."

Mr. Barnes: "Get your coats, eat your lunch, and go outside."

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



A Christmas concert was held in the middle school on Dec. 11 for the students during 6th hour. The following songs done by the choir included "Beginning to look a lot like Christmas", "Jingle, Jingle", "Rudolf", "The Coventry Carol", "Peace on Earth", and "White Christmas". Those who did specials on bells were Cindy Bessy, Vern Coskey, Darla Krueger, Patty Atwater, Tami Wilkenson, and John Thayer. The people on the jingle bells were Karl Kistler and Eleanor Carr. Melanie Osment played the triangle and Chris McMahon played the flute.

Following the Choir, the 8th grade band performed several numbers. Among them were "Merry Oldsmobile", "Tiajuana Taxi", "Gallant Men", and "Tinsel and Holly". When both the choir and the band had finished, they joined together and with the audience participating, they did "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World".

A big thank you for a good concert goes to Mrs. Howard and Mr. D'Arcangelis from the students of the middle school.

by bg and cl